

**Invitation to People to People Europe  
Annual Conference in Angoulême, France  
May 11-13, 2001**



**Bienvenue  
Bonjour  
Bonne Vacances**

People to People Europe and  
People to People Angoulême invite  
members and friends for the 2001 Annual Conference

**In Lucerne last year  
we were 130 participants  
from 15 countries!**

*The last time the Annual Conference event was held in France was in 1987 in Poitiers. Now the PTP Angoulême chapter is happy to organise the event. As with previous years' conferences we expect to have plenty of PTP members from European and overseas chapters. As always the event is open for non-members and as well.*

*The meeting will offer cultural programs, visits in and around beautiful Angoulême. It is possible to extend the stay through homestay programs before and after the weekend in four neighbouring towns. We have good reasons to believe this event will offer an excellent opportunity to continue the good traditions of PTP European meetings.*

*US chapter members are as always more than welcome to attend the event - as individuals or in groups.*

*Please join us for the highlight of 2001!*

*People to People Europe Board and Conference Organising committee*



**Program in Summary**

Participants	PTP members and non members
Language	English
Time and place	May 11-13, 2001 Angoulême, France
Homepage	<a href="http://www.algonet.se/~ptp/ptpe/angouleme.html">www.algonet.se/~ptp/ptpe/angouleme.html</a>
Deadline	April 1 (Early Bird March 17)
Organisers	PTP Angoulême, PTP Europe
Sponsors	People to People International People to People European Council
Registration fee	750 FRF (Early Bird March 17) ~120 USD, 250 DEM 900 FRF (Deadline April 1) ~ 140 USD, 300 DEM
Travel grants	Available
Accommodation	70-490 FF (9 USD/23DEM - 65/160)
Homestay	Angoulême, Poitiers, Bordeaux, La Rochelle

## Conference Program

The conference will start on Friday the 11th. During the day participants have a good chance to get to get to know each other and to explore the city of Angoulême or neighbouring cities in Charente. In the evening the Mayor of Angoulême invites participants to a joint reception with participants of the "European Week". The European Week is an all French event, which takes place during the week of the conference. In Angoulême representatives from partner cities and other international organisations will be present.

On Saturday the conference sessions will start. We will among other things highlight volunteer work, PTP programs and explore PTP development in Europe. (The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers). Attending the event is Mary Eisenhower, CEO of PTP and granddaughter of PTP's founder.

In the afternoon we will make a trip on the river Charente visiting a Cognac distillery and enjoying the beautiful landscape. In the evening we will have dinner (French cuisine and artistic program) back in Angoulême.

The last day of the conference will contain continued conference sessions and finish off with a lunch. During the whole conference there will be artistic exhibitions from the PTP Artistic meeting of young cartoonists in January as well as performing artists. There will also be space for chapters to display pieces of chapters' and members' art. In addition special youth sessions are planned for the weekend.

Before and after the official part of the program there are optional programs and chances for homestays.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
AM	<u>Optional programs</u> Angoulême Cognac Comic Museum	<u>Conference sessions</u>	
		? Volunteer work 2001 ? Resource Development ? PTPI - Mary Eisenhower ? PTP Europe - Program development Elections ? Workshops ? Artistic Program ? Youth event	
PM	La Rochefoucauld's Castle	Boat excursion on Charente to a Cognac distillery.	Optional Program and Homestay
Evening	Opening reception together with delegates from the "European Week"	Joint Conference Reception Artistic Program	Optional Program sand Homestay continue...
	Artistic displays		

### Registration and fees

The participation is 900 French Francs (750 for early bird). It does not include accommodation.

The conference package includes: Friday night reception - Access to all sessions with documentation - Coffee breaks - Saturday and Sunday lunches - Saturday afternoon excursion - Saturday evening reception. Conference homepage: [www.algonet.se/~ptp/ptpe/angouleme.html](http://www.algonet.se/~ptp/ptpe/angouleme.html)

### Accommodation and Tourist office

Accommodation is not included in the conference package. Please indicate your choice of accommodation on the registration form and we will make the reservation. You may also contact the Angoulême Tourist Office for alternative accom-

Hotel	price per night (FRF)		Comment
Hotel Mercure ***	490/room 1-2 persons Breakfast: 60	590/room 3 persons	In the old town overlooking the city
Hôtel du Palais **	290/room 1 person Breakfast: 32	330/room 2 persons	In the old town.
Hotel Le Crab	200/room 1 person 290/room 3 persons Breakfast: 35	230/room 2 persons 320/room 4 persons	15-20 minute walk from the old town. Close to the train station.
Hotel Etap	175/room 1-2 persons	Breakfast: 24	5 minute walk from the old town.
Youth hostel	70/person	Breakfast included	15 minute walk from the old town.

### Angoulême, France

The city of Angoulême offers a very good setting for the program offering something special for all participants.

The conference sessions will take place in the old town of Angoulême. The city centre is on a hill with ramparts 70 above the river Charente and the surrounding countryside. In the beautiful region - also called Charente - there are plenty of ancient cities and villages.

The PTP European Board and the PTP Angoulême organising committee find it special to hold the event in France. It will be an important occasion to increase contacts in France and it will be a great chance for participants to enjoy French culture. After all France has a lot to offer. Believe us - you will be thrilled.

#### *Angoulême - Capital of Comics*

Angoulême is the center for Comics and cartoons. We will have excellent chances to visit the French national museum for comics and images with a collection of original contemporary comic strips. For January PTP plans a meeting for young cartoonists in Angoulême. We will be able to see their works during the conference.

modation. Office de Tourism, Place des Halles, 16000 Angoulême, phone: +33 5 45951684, fax: +33 5 45959176, [angoulemetourism@wanadoo.fr](mailto:angoulemetourism@wanadoo.fr), [www.tourisme.fr/angouleme](http://www.tourisme.fr/angouleme)

### Travel grants

People to People offers travel grants for participants to the event. Application form for the grant is available. The grant will cover the registration fee.

### Visa assistance

For members needing a visa for France or any country you travel through to get to France, please contact the French embassy in your country for detailed information on what the invitation needs to contain. Then contact the organising committee. Please do this as soon as possible!

## How to get there

### By plane

To Angoulême from London with plane (two departures/day)  
To Paris and then with train (2 ½ hours) to Angoulême.  
To Bordeaux and then with train (2 hours) to Angoulême.

### By train

To Angoulême train station (2½ hours from Paris)

## Organising committee

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## Pre- and post conference programs & Homestay

Before and after the event participants will be offered programs to enjoy the charming Angoulême and the surrounding Charente region. The organising committee is happy to assist with accommodation, homestay and or tours in the area. For Angoulême, Bordeaux, Poitiers and La Rochelle there will be opportunities for homestay.

### Guided Visit of Angoulême

The historic and beautiful centre of Angoulême has a lot to offer. We will among other things visit of the Towers of Angoulême Castle (today the Town Hall), view the beautiful scenery of the river Charente and make a stop at the "House of Saint-Simon" and its Renaissance courtyard, Cathedral Saint Pierre (Roman architecture).

### Visit to Cognac

Tour of Cognac (45 km from Angoulême) the native city of the famous French King of the Renaissance François 1<sup>st</sup> and well-known city for the production of Cognac. We will visit the cellar of Hennessy - the old Irish Family Cognac distillery.

### Visit of the Museum of Comics

National museum for comics, collection of original contemporary comic strips, exhibitions, laboratory for production of pictures in two- and three dimensions.

### Visit of La Rochefoucauld's Castle

Visit of the family of writer François de la Rochefoucauld: renaissance façades reminiscent of the Chateaux of La Loire, marvellous kitchens and staircase. (25 km from Angoulême)

### Visit to Saint-Emilion

We will visit the very old city, real opened museum built on a chalk cliff, with its church carved out of the chalk, exceptional medieval monolith church, visit of a cellar for the production of the famous Bordeaux Saint-Emilion wine and degustation.

Program	Friday	Sunday	Price	Minimum number of participants *
Guided walk of Angoulême	15:30-17	PM	50/70	10
City of Cognac and Hennessy Distillery	14-18	PM	100	25
Museum of Comics	14-16, 16-18	-	20	-
La Rochefoucauld's Castle	14-17	PM	100	25
Saint-Emilion	-	14-20	160	25

\* The price is based on the minimum number of participants. If there is a very uneven distribution of participants, we may contact you to suggest an alternative program.

### Homestay in Angoulême

The PTP chapter is happy to offer homestay to show you more of the city and its treasures.

### Homestay in Poitiers

The PTP chapter in Poitiers offers program in the historic town, which is located 1½ hour north of Angoulême. Poitiers, a town of artistic and historic interest, is one of France's main centres of Roman architecture. The famous church "Notre Dame" is an extraordinary example of its outstanding architectural heritage. Also located in Poitiers is "the Futuroscope" - a futuristic world that resembles a scene from a science fiction movie.

### Homestay in Bordeaux

Regional capital of Aquitaine and South West of France - important harbour, rich for the trade of wine of Bordeaux - beautiful, picturesque and artistic old center with houses of the 18<sup>th</sup> century - many important museums for fine arts and vineyard.

### Homestay in La Rochelle

On the coast two hours from Angoulême, La Rochelle offers a maritime environment. The walled town has its roots firmly anchored in the sea and seafaring. The Port des Minimes has become the largest yachting marina on the Atlantic coast. Off La Rochelle the Island of Ré is pearl with white washed cottages and beautiful harbour villages.